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MEETINGS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1895.

A stated meeting of the Society was held January 13, 1895, President Charles J. Stillé in the chair.

Captain Henry Hobart Bellas, U.S.A., read a paper on "The Defences of the Delaware River during the Revolution," on the conclusion of which a vote of thanks was returned.

A special meeting of the Society was held February 11, President Charles J. Stillé presiding.

Joseph G. Rosengarten, Esq., was introduced and read a paper entitled "The Château de Rochambeau."

On motion, the thanks of the Society were tendered to Mr. Rosengarten.

A stated meeting of the Society was held on Monday evening, March 11, President Charles J. Stillé in the chair.

Mr. Paul Leinster Ford, of Brooklyn, New York, read a paper entitled "The Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776: its Relations to the Revolution."

On motion of Colonel George Mead, the thanks of the Society were offered to Mr. Ford.

Nominations for officers of the Society, to be voted for at the next stated meeting, being in order, Mr. Crawford Arnold placed in nomination the following names:

President.
Charles J. Stillé.

Honorary Vice-Presidents.
Craig Biddle, Ferdinand J. Dreer.

Vice-Presidents (to serve for three years).
William S. Baker, Samuel W. Pennypacker.

Corresponding Secretary.
Gregory B. Keen.

Recording Secretary.
Hampton L. Carson.

Treasurer.
J. Edward Carpenter.

Auditor.
Francis H. Williams.

Members of Council (to serve four years).
John C. Browne, Richard M. Cadwalader,
William G. Thomas,
Charlemagne Tower, Jr.
(For unexpired term of Edwin T. Eisenbrey, deceased).

No other nominations being made, the chair appointed tellers to conduct the election on May 13.

Librarian Frederick D. Stone announced the following gifts since the last meeting: A painting in oil of the Philadelphia Water-Works on Centre Square, from Clarence S. Bement; and an etched portrait by Rosenthal of the late Chief-Justice George Sharswood, the gift of William J. Campbell.

A special meeting of the Society was held April 8, President Charles J. Stillé in the chair.

Dr. Stephen B. Weeks, of North Carolina, read a paper on "Southern Quakers and Slavery," on the conclusion of which the thanks of the Society were tendered.

Hampton L. Carson, Esq., offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That The Historical Society of Pennsylvania is in hearty sympathy with the efforts of Hon. C. Wesley Thomas to obtain a repeal of that portion of the Public Building Commission Act which requires, upon the completion of the City Hall, the removal from Independence Square of the historic buildings at the southeast corner of Sixth and Chestnut Streets and at the southwest corner of Fifth and Chestnut Streets.

Resolved, That the members of this Society be invited to address their Representatives and Senators, and urge them to uphold the hands of Senator Thomas in his patriotic and public-spirited efforts to preserve these buildings, which belong in a certain sense to the whole American people, and ought to be cherished as sacred memorials of an honorable and historic past.

The annual meeting of the Society was held May 13, President Charles J. Stillé in the chair.

Dr. Stillé read a paper entitled "Maximilian in Mexico, and the Monroe Doctrine," the object of which was to show the meaning of the "Monroe Doctrine" and how it was enforced by the United States when

the Emperor Napoleon sought to establish by a French army an empire in Mexico under Maximilian in 1862–67.

A vote of thanks was passed.

Professor Gregory B. Keen read the annual report of the Council.

The tellers appointed to conduct the annual election reported that the gentlemen nominated at the last stated meeting had been unanimously elected.

A stated meeting of the Society was held November 11, President Charles J. Stillé in the chair.

Dr. Herbert Friedenwald was introduced and read a paper entitled "The Continental Congress—Picturesque Episodes in the History of its Foreign Relations and Domestic Affairs."

On motion, the thanks of the Society were tendered to Dr. Friedenwald.

Librarian Frederick D. Stone announced that substantial and satisfactory progress was being made in copying the Journals of the Lords of Plantation and Trade in the Public Record Office, London.

Dr. Stone also announced the gift by Mr. Patterson, son of the late General Robert Patterson, of a collection of books made by his father relating to the Mexican War.